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In re Application of: Amir M. Saffarian  
Serial No.: 08/828,022  
Filing Date: March 27, 1997  
Group Art Unit: 2876  
Examiner: D. Rodriguez  
Title: AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHECK  
AMOUNT ENCODING AT A POINT-OF-SALE

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In response to the Official Action mailed March 2, 1999, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the amendments to the claims and the comments as set forth below. The entry of this amendment is respectfully requested in order to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Please amend the Application as follows.

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